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PASS COMMERCE FOR FRANCES L. HALL/BIEPR/OIER

REFS: (A) TOKYO 3125, (B) STATE 31481

1. EMBASSY GREATLY APPRECIATES U.S.-JAPAN TRADE TABLES
JUST RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO REF A. NOW WISH TO ASK
CLARIFICATION REGARDING 1977 TOTAL FOR U.S. IMPORTS
FROM JAPAN.

2. REF B, WHICH WE REALIZE CONTAINED PRELIMINARY DATA,
REPORTED U.S. 1977 IMPORTS FROM JAPAN AS
18,901.9 MILLION DOLLARS AND BILATERAL DEFICIT AS
8,379.8 MILLION; EMBASSY HAS BEEN CITING THESE FIGURES.
OIER TABLES INDICATE IMPORT FIGURE OF 18,623 MILLION
WHICH IS SAME AS REPORTED DECEMBER 1977 ISSUE OF
FT 990 FOR GENERAL IMPORTS (F.A.S.).

3. REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT LOWER IMPORT TOTAL IS
CORRECT FIGURE AND THAT 1977 BILATERAL U.S. TRADE
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DEFICIT WITH JAPAN WAS 8.1 BILLION RATHER THAN 8.4
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